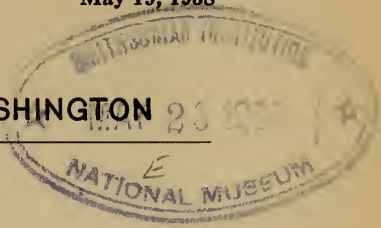


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A NEW FLOWER-PECKER FROM THE MALAY PENINSULA.

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Among the *Dicæidae* in the collection of the United States National Museum are three specimens of the Fire-breasted Flower-pecker from Peninsular Siam, which are sufficiently distinct from more northern birds to warrant subspecific separation. I propose for them the name

Dicæum ignipectus dolichorhynchum, subsp. nov.

Type.—Adult male, United States National Museum, no. 160382; collected at the summit of Khao Nom Plu, 3,000 feet, Trang province, Peninsular Siam, 26 February, 1897, by Dr. W. L. Abbott.

Diagnosis.—Near to *D. i. ignipectus* (Hodgs.) of Nepal, but distinguished therefrom by its longer bill in either sex, although not by other measurements. The black abdominal streak in *dolichorhynchum* is wider than the same marking in *ignipectus*.

Range.—Of the three specimens available to me, a male and a female were taken at the summit of Khao Nom Plu. The third, a male, is labelled "Trang," but almost certainly came from the hills nearby. Birds of the Malay States, hitherto known as *ignipectus*, probably appertain to the newly named form.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED.

D. i. ignipectus.—31: Annam (1); North Siam (8); Fohkien (4); Szechuan (18).

D. i. dolichorhynchum.—3: Peninsular Siam (3).

TABLE SHOWING COMPARATIVE LENGTHS OF BILL.

		EXPOSED CULMEN	AVER.	
<i>D. i. ignipectus</i>	Annam 1 ♂	7.4	7.4	
	N. Siam 4 ♂♂	7.0-7.7	7.45	
		4 ♀♀	7.0-7.6	7.4
	China 8 ♂♂	7.2-8.0	7.5+	
		11 ♀♀	7.0-7.9	7.4-
<i>D. i. dolichorhynchum</i>	Penins. Siam 2 ♂♂	9.3-10.0	9.65	
		1 ♀	8.3	8.3